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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FOR CONTINUED COMMUNITY LAW
ENFORCEMENT AND RECOVERY PROGRAM PARTICIPATION**

(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT:

This is to request that your Board authorize the Chief Probation Officer and District Attorney to execute and enter into a Professional Services Agreement with the City of Los Angeles for continued participation in the Community Law Enforcement and Recovery Program, a multi-agency gang intervention project funded by the United States Department of Justice, in accordance with the City's Community Law Enforcement and Recovery Program requirements.

JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer and District Attorney to execute and enter into a Professional Service Agreement (PSA) substantially similar to the attached (Attachment I) with the City of Los Angeles (City) in the amount of \$690,198, for Community Law Enforcement and Recovery (CLEAR) Program services provided by the County of Los Angeles Probation Department (\$270,495) and the County of Los Angeles District Attorney (\$419,703) at nine (9) CLEAR sites: Northeast, Newton, Southeast, Southwest (Baldwin Village), Hollenbeck/Ramona Gardens, Hollenbeck/Boyle Heights, Foothill, Rampart and 77th Street for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. The CLEAR Program is funded from the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG 12).

2. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer and the District Attorney, or their designees to serve as Project Directors for their respective CLEAR Program and to approve any subsequent amendments, modifications, and/or extensions of the PSA that do not increase the Net County Cost of the program.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

The purpose of the recommended actions is to comply with CLEAR Program legislation which requires that this collaborative, multi-agency effort involving the County of Los Angeles Probation Department (Probation), County of Los Angeles District Attorney's Office (DA), Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), and the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office be formalized in a PSA as the City's prerequisite to release CLEAR Program funding.

In addition, your Board's approval will provide delegated authority to the Chief Probation Officer and District Attorney, and/or their designees, to serve as Project Directors for their respective CLEAR Program and to carry out the terms of the PSA, including any necessary amendments, modifications, and/or extensions.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal #1 (Operational Effectiveness) and Goal #3 (Integrated Services Delivery). Implementation of the recommended actions will allow for the continued collaborative efforts between multiple jurisdictions committed to ridding neighborhoods of street violence.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The PSA will be funded from JAG 12 for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, at nine (9) CLEAR sites: (Northeast, Newton, Southeast, Southwest (Baldwin Village), Hollenbeck/Ramona Gardens, Hollenbeck/Boyle Heights, Foothill, Rampart and 77th Street).

The City will provide the County a total of \$690,198 as follows: \$270,495 to Probation to partially fund salaries and employee benefits for nine (9) existing Deputy Probation Officer II positions and \$419,703, to the DA to partially fund salaries and employee benefits for nine (9) Deputy District Attorney III positions, respectively. These revenues are included in each respective County Department's FY 2012-13 budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The CLEAR program is a multi-jurisdictional program that has brought together law enforcement, government, and community agencies in an effort to rid neighborhoods of street violence since 1998. On May 6, 2008, your Board adopted the Chief Executive Officer's recommendations to avoid retroactive agreements and ensure timely payments from the City for the CLEAR Program. However, despite working with the City to avoid retroactive agreements, this problem still exists primarily due to delays resulting from the lengthy process to negotiate JAG funding allocations and the City's preparation and approval of the PSA.

In order for Probation and the DA to claim reimbursement from the City for the CLEAR Program, the attached PSA between the City and the County must be signed by the County Departments receiving funding. The Mayor of Los Angeles will sign and fully execute the PSA when it is received from the County, and the City will then reimburse the County.

The proposed PSA has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

Approval of these recommendations will maintain the existing level of services and will enable the DA and Probation to work with LAPD and the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office to provide a flexible and coordinated response to crime perpetrated by criminal street gangs by identifying the gangs associated within each community and addressing each community's gang problem. Overall, the continued receipt of the City's reimbursement for CLEAR Program services will mitigate disruption in service delivery.

Respectfully submitted,

JERRY E. POWERS
CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER

JACKIE LACEY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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c: Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board
Chief Executive Office
County Counsel